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in Fiercest Clash They

Have Had So Far.

Offensive Stronger Than

Before, but Is Sanguine.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE,

Seicheprey show that the American

troops were outnumbered in some in-

troops are believed to be engaged in op-posing the present new offensive of the Germans on the western front and evi-

dently have been heavily engaged in the

fighting between Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux. The official statement from Paris last night styled this section of

the line as the Franco-American front.

More of the American would

stances eight to one.

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GERMANS FORCE ALLIES BACK IN LYS REGION; HAIG YIELDS A LITTLE ON MESSINES RIDGE; HANGARD LOST, BUT BRITISH GAIN IN SOUTH

LINER ST. PAUL SINKS AT DOCK IN NORTH RIVER

Open Ash Door Blamed for Accident to Ship Refitted as Transport.

FIVE MEN MAY BE DEAD

Four Hundred Workers Scramble to Safety as Vessel Turns Over.

The American liner St. Paul, a temperamental lady with a past, turned ever on her left side and went to sleep in forty feet of water yesterday morn-Pler 61 at the foot of West Twentyfirst street.

Having served in two wars and partaken of high adventure it may have been that she was weary; but she tried is quit at the very time that Uncle Sam . and preparing her for the most impor tent duty that a Yankee ship can take to, and it will take weeks of valuable time to rouse her and right her.

She lies now like a stranded whale in the square slip between the two great concrete plers, 60 and 61, her nose pointing toward land and fairly clear of the sea, her middle and stern well submerged. She is a drab and dismal picture of the fine ship that loomed in picture of the fine ship that loomed in yesterday morning's sunshine up the North River. Down in her bowels are the bodies of a few unfortunate men who were betrayed by her capriciousness and who were drowned at their duty. How many perished is not definitely known and may not be until the list of dockyard workmen and seamen that were aboard is checked up.

Pire Mon Ray Be Lost. The American Line assumes that three men were drowned, but there was gossip emong the mariner refugees yesterday that perhaps five of the workmen and of the strong five of the workmen and of the strong five of the workmen and of the st. Paul's people were caught within Major Newman, constituted an infringement of the neutrality observed by the tumed. That more were not drowned is in the history of the port as accidents was very great, but the losses were quite assistance of a battery was accident as accidents was very great. But the losses were quite assistance of rifles was very great, but the losses were quite assistance of rifles was very great. But the losses were quite assistance of rifles was very great. But the losses were quite assistance of rifles was very great. But the losses were quite assistance of rifles was very great. But the losses were quite assista

The explanation Thich seemed most probable yesterday are said to desire the defeat of France officials of the American Line and to safaring men generally was that the judgment upon the former anti-cieririncipal cause of the accident was an per ballasting, straining hawsers and outrushing tide which pressed to list heavily to port as she ed toward land. As she listed the course into the open ash door, addand tremendous pull downon the port side. This brought her these began to drink up the river. With-

Ship Was Redtted.

te steamship, which was one of the ist armed against submarines before States entered the war, arpassengers. Last Thursday she was sent to the Robins Dry Dock at Erie Basin nment deferred taking charge of the designated pier. The dry dock concern. of which William H. Todd is president, had been employing a force of about 300 men on mer hanical repairs, carpentering mpanied the ship to the North River FRENCH FLIERS ROUT GERMANS stated yesterday that about 200 were on ad, so that there were a few more a see endangered when she rolled her as under. It was difficult to get prefmation even on these because of the tight restrictions forities on any news having to do with ourd of inquiry had determined

ing the water low and making take ships over dry dock story current in marine cirlay were fruitless until all e fact remains that she rode light th when she finally cleared the s yesterday morning at 9 o'clock can her journey across the harbor Spectators ther from lower Manhattan noted ned extraordinarily high and that she listed a little to aparently the work of reballant he shi, was begun as she voyaged South Brooklyn to Manhattan, and samption is that the bullasting

Commund on Seventh Page.

128 Americans Wounded in Picardy in One Hospital Near New Line

PARIS, April 25.—American soldiers wounded in the great battle which is now being waged are already arriving at the rear. American wounded and sick to the number of 128 have reached Hospital No. 25. They are from units engaged in fighting side by side with the French and British in stemming the German advance.

Hospital No. 25 is one of the new institutions established behind

the line as it stood after the Allies stopped the recent German drive in Picardy. Few of the Americans remained at the hospital very long, being

taken further to the rear. Sixteen girl students of Smith College are working in day and night shifts at this point, and are operating a well arranged canteen at the railroad station for the soldiers coming through on the hospital

Mrs. Clark, the Misses Justice, Brogan and Scott, and M. L. Ralthis and E. W. Lowrey of the American Red Cross, have rendered notable service at the hospital.

IRISH CLERGY EIGHT GERMANS ARE ASSAILED

ing as she was being edged alongside of Fight on Draft a Violation of Pershing's Men Outnumbered Neutrality, Member of Commons Says.

BISHOPS ENROLL 1,000,000 PRIESTS HELP FIGHTERS

Determination to Defeat Home Washington Thinks German Rule and Ruin France

Is Charged.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, April 25.—The part played y the Catholic church in the organisation of passive resistance in Ireland to conscription came up in the House of Commons to-night. Major Newman asked Foreign Secretary Balfour if any representations had been made to the Vatican in regard to the action of Cardinal Logue in pledging himself to weaken the force of the allied Powers by preventing the application of the man dead. The American casualties are considerably less than the first estimates universal service act to a part of the

Exactly what caused the big liner to
A Dublin despatch estimates that the out dressing station.

Maynooth covenant drawn up by the Father Michael O'Connor in the control of the covenant drawn up by the Father Michael O'Connor in the covenant drawn up by the Father Michael O'Connor in the covenant drawn up by the Father Michael O'Connor in the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by the father Osias Boucher of the covenant drawn up by th rearrely be known until after official rearrely be known until after official after official rearrely. The generally accepted theory is that it was due to negligence—neglished in the state of the stat Ulster; some of the more fanatical even are said to desire the defeat of France

judgment upon the former anti-cleri-cal legislation of the French Republic. America's Action Waited.

Many letters are appearing in the newspapers. One written by William Osler to the ?'imes cays: "In Ireland the kinetic drive, to use an assigned with the French troops in that expression of physiologists, is dual. Rome and America. Rome has spoken. Rome and America. Rome has spoken, now let America speak. Possibly is lines apparently is somewhere bethe assistance which England had to tween Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux, give for the transportation of the America. Let Cardinal Gibbons and the which lie just north of the River Luce loan army he had to accept a consideration of the America. trong Irish Catholics of the and cover two of the great highways able reduction in the tolling the strong Irish Catholics of the and cover two of the great highways able reduction in the tolling trong the strong Irish Catholics of the and cover two of the great highways able reduction in the tolling trong the strong which the German advance toward the strong which the strong with the Germans yesterday, the extreme tribute to the workers, says the strong in the strong with the strong wi

"Then she may win for herself an enduring peace, a peace that she can never have with the perennial home rule Meroz on the land; the curse with which the English speaking world will curse her bitterly because in the hour of trial she 'came not to the help of the Lord | The conscription order is expected

within a week.

ing Infantry.

Paris, April 21 .- An official note de scribing the work done by the French the United States Army au- aviators during the German advance says that reconnoltring was carried out at very low altitudes. After Noyon was occupied French airplanes flew over the lown, just above the roofs of the house Sometimes they descended along throads until the wheels almost touch the heads of the soldiers in column, who scattered or threw themselves on the ground, terrified. Some of the French machines returned with more than a hundred bullet holes in their wings.

night on aerial activities as follows: On April 22 and 23 seven German airplanes and a captive balloon were ought down by our pilots. Ten her machines, badly damaged, fell

inside their own lines. It is confirmed that two enemy airplanes, reported as damaged on April 20, were in reality brought down. Five other German machines and a likewise were thousand kilograms of projectiles were dropped by our bombing planes on the railway stations at Nesle, Roye and Chaulnes. Our airplanes have carried out numerous machine gun

Shell and Gun Losses in Northcliffe's Brother Is Present Battle More Than | Forced Out by Difficulties Made Good.

READY FOR LONG FIGHT ATTACKED BY

Vast Stores of Small Arms Sacrificed.

LONDON, April 25. - Winston Spence Churchill, introducing in the House of Commons to-day the estimates for the Ministry of Munitions, of which he is the head, said that during the five weeks since the battle in France had opened that body had been passing through the greatest strain regarding the supply of doubtedly was due in a large measure war material that had occurred in the experience of the Ministry.

Not only had the consumption an destruction of munitions of all kinds seen proceeding at the greatest rate bu. there also were very heavy losses through capture by the enemy.

"We lost," the Minister said, "nearly a thousand guns by shell fire or capture: closely upon the heels of the resignation between 4,000 and 5,000 machine guns of Sir Arthur C. Roberts, expert finanhave been lost or destroyed and the cial adviser to the Ministry, which, it April 25 .- Further details received at headquarters of the engagement around three weeks' total of manufacture.

All Losses Made Good.

"Other war materials have been used on a similar scale, but by the end of last week all the losses had been made good, and in many cases more than made good.

"Vast quantities of small arm ammunition have been lost or left behind, but great as the demand has been the expenditure in the last month did not expenditure in the last mont penditure in the last month did not ex When the complete story of this engagement is told the bravery of the regimental chapiains will be one of the outstanding features. One of them, Father William J. Farrell of West Newton, Mass., went to the assistance of a battery when four of the American gunners were killed, and carried up ammunition.

"Our upengature in the last month did not expecting the product of the maximum potential capacity of the British factories, without touching enormous reserves which had accumulated against such a contingency. The wastage of rifles was very great, but the losses were quite easily and promptly made good.

"Our upengature in the last month did not expecting the production of the British factories, without touching enormous reserves which had accumulated against such a contingency.

in power and intensity.
"In fact, barring unforeseen dircumstances, our supply of munitions would enable us to carry on a battle at the supreme pitch of intensity until winter without compromising our requirement 09,000 men were taken from munitio

Accept Reduction in Tonnage.

Mr. Churchill said that owing to the tonnage required for importation to this country, coal to France and Italy and

the Germans yesterday, the extreme He paid tribute to the workers, say-right of the British line and the ex-ing that latterly less than one-sixth the treme left of the French line thus having total of the time worked had been lost been forced back about a mile in this through labor disputes, while labor durrenewal of the main German drive.

The British War Office to-night announced that Villers-Bretonneux had the Ministry's success was that more been recaptured, and if the American than three-quarters of a million women troops were being used to support and were employed in the munitions factifien the line at this juncture they tories. More than nine-tenths of the probably were active in assisting in re- whole manufacture of shells was due to aining the positions. It is a labor of women who before the war. The number of Americans killed in had never seen a lathe.

the German attack of April 20 near Seicheprey was fewer than a dozen and had been met, the Minister hoped this Continued on Second Page.

PRIVATE N. ZYFERS, Base

Hospital No. 8, writing to F. W. Hellen, a contributor, says:

France, "I'd want to give all my time to getting tobacco to the

and made some fellow happy."

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for us in this shooting match.

TOBACCO FUND!"

See page 5.

"Uncle Sam is doing all he can

tured, since it previously had been admitted that the American casualties were around 200. Liberty Day! Bonds and Smokes Will Help Win!

Austria's Imperial House Resents Bourbon de Parma Activities AMSTERDAM, April 25 .- The Berlin

HAPSBURGS TO CURB SIXTUS.

the number of injured was about twenty

These figures, made known to-day, appeared to give support to the German claim that 183 Americans were cap-

rageblatt prints the following from Vi-"The members of the imperial house of Austria met at the Archduke's pal ace and decided through him to point out to the Emperor the prejudicial consequences which the activities of memresiding abroad might have for the in-

IRELAND'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Grave Fears. St. Paul, Minn., April 25.—Archbishop John Ireland, who recently suffered a relapse after recuperating from a physi It became known that his physicians hold grave doubts of his recover;

GREAT MUNITION ROTHERMERE FOR THE ALLIES

of Post and Ill Health.

Nearly Thousand Cannon and Lloyd George's Enemies Are Expected to Seize on Act for New Assault.

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> LONDON, April 25.—Lord Rothermere. whose brother is Lord Northcliffe, has resigned his post as Secretary of State for the Air Forces. While the resignation, which was announced to-day, unto ill health, it will be hailed by the opposition press as a vindication of their charges that political methods had succeeded in antagonizing and crippling practical men in the department, and that the efficiency of this most vital

fighting service was imperilled. Lord Rothermere's retirement followed quantity of ammunition, apart from that which has been fired and that which has been fort in the dumps, with Lord Rothermere's policy regard amounted to something between one and ing a certain matter of administration. with Lord Rothermere's policy regard-

There had also come the resignations of Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, and Sir David Henderson, techor lost in a great variety of classes and nical adviser, both of which were at-

Premier Lloyd George, in a letter ac-

weekly during the offensive battles of last year and more than double the volume of shells fired during the terrific bombardment which characterized the Somme offensive of 1916. They also provided for the carrying forward into 1919 of sufficient reserves to allow the British total to mount one steen higher then sh total to mount one step higher then and the navy representatives. In the der one executive each element had its

ard, coming at a time when the cam- to take the men up to the level of the paign of the opposition press against the mole as soon as we got alongside. Ex-Government was in full swing because actly according to plan, we ran alongas another instance of politicians and wide amateur strategists overruling the judg-

Government System Ignored.

These campaigns, which were con-ucted with the utmost bitterness, ignored the only principle upon which government is possible under the pres-ent system. Each department has a government is possible under the pres-ent system. Each department has a head directly responsible to the War Cabinet, and so long as the War Cabinet and the Ministers continue this relation-ship all questions concerning dismissals. It was only to be expected that such a reorganization and amalgamation o much bitterness, but impartial judges are of the opinion that since Lord Rothermere took charge of the air scrvice its efficiency has been considerably in-

Undoubtedly the drastic reforms which it was necessary to introduce led many officers to feel themselves slighted. sulting in considerable friction between chine guns.

It is also understood that Lord Rothermere found, when he took the Ministry, a larger staff on the ground than was necessary for controlling the per-sonnel of the service in the air.

Resignation a Surprise.

The resignation of the Air Minister came as a complete surprise in political circles, although the announcement had "I am glad to hear you are supporting THE SUN Tobacco Fund. We draw from this fund to prevent him from replying to the speech that Baron Sydenham had in tended to make last Tuesday in the House of Lords. Baron Sydenham's dil had falled to do this none of the purpose was to inquire into the reasons for the recent resignations from Lord Ruthermer's department.

"Twenty-five minutes after the Vinderand it sure comes in handy.
"GOOD LUCK TO THE SUN "If I couldn't be over here," writes Lieut. H. M. Ogg, 641st Aero Squadron, somewhere in n the field of battle. boys at the front. Every package of smokes hit the bullseye

good judgment, and has had abundant this expedition was that we could not technical and business experience.

ZEEBRUGGE FAIRWAY BLOCK AIDED BY LOSS OF DREDGER

Air Reconnaissance Shows Channel Cannot Be Used for Three Weeks-Shifting Smoke Cloud Prevented Closing of Ostend Canal Mouth.

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London, April 25.—A high British fleet, having only one route to watch, naval authority told The Sun correspondent to-day that the naval raid against Zeebrugge was highly successful, as may be judged from the fact that British seaplanes reconnoitring after the action discovered a gap of 120 feet in the Mole. The British destroyers also sank a German dredger, which is highly essential in keeping the channel clear of silt, which it is now anticipated will block the fairway and that it will take at least three weeks to clear it. It may take longer, since the British destroyed the dredger used in the work. n the work.

The British naval authority said that sageway to the canal.

the Germans now would be forced to use the Ostend route, and that the British

liament That Trouble

Looms.

Not Going Smoothly,

day in the First Chamber of the Nether-

lands Parliament on the sand and grave question with Germany, Jonkheer Lou-

Newest American Ace.

man machine on the same day, thus be-

SIXTEEN INDICTED IN

Policemen Named.

EDWARDSVILLE, III., April 25 .- Indict-

ments were returned to-day against six-teen persons by the Grand Jury which investigated the lynching on April 5 of Robert Paul Prager at Collinsville.

Twelve indictments were against civil

dictments were against policemen charg-

ing malfeasance in office.

The indictments charging murder contain nine counts each, and are directed

William Brockmeier and Enid Elmore

AT ZEEBRUGGE

British Landed Under the Foreign Minister Warns Par-Muzzles of 11 Inch Guns.

closely upon the heels of the resignation ATTACKING SHIP RIDDLED ASKS GUARANTEE OF U. S.

was announced, was due to disagreement Captain Gives Details of the Negotiations With Germany Raid on U-Boat Base.

ABOARD H. M. S. VINDICTIVE, IN DOVER HARBOR, April 25.—A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the cruiser the Associated Press visited the cruiser Vindictive to-day as the guest of Capt. Alfred F. B. Carpenter, who commanded her in the expedition last Tuesday against the German submarine base at Zeebrugge, on the Belgian const.

Capt. Carpenter's arm was in a sling from a shell spiniter wound. The ship showed innumerable signs of conflict. her decks and superstructure being cov mere, undoubtedly stated the real cause ered with the scars of shells and ma-of the Minister's resignation when, in chine gun hits. The commander during praising his work in accomplishing the the attack was at the end of the bridge

praising his work in accomplishing the fusion of the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps, he said:

"No minister ever had greater difficulties to contend with than you have had in a ffecting the fusion of the two was to distract the attention of the expedition was to distract the attention of the hat.

"Our chief purpose in the expedition was that six ships was to distract the attention of the hat. From the beginning of Lord Rothercially the battery of eleven inch guns. that the number will be extended, and mere's tenure of office he has been conwhich occupied a commanding position that Germany will put no obstacles in

Ship Specially Built.

der one executive each element had its own supporters.

"We had a special superstructure over the upper deck and three long gang." The resignation of Sir Hugh Tranch. ways or 'brows,' which were designed Government was in full swing because actly according to plan, we ran along-of the retirement of Lord Fisher. Ad-miral Jellicoe, Marshal French and Gen. side, where we were equippes with spe-

> while the Daffedii kept us against the mole, with her nose against the opposite side of our ship. In the fairly heavy sea two of our three gangways were smashed, but the third held and 500 the sailors now at American ports.
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> In the sailors of the United States been cleared of the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been reclaimed for the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been reclaimed for the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been cleared of the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been cleared of the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been cleared of the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been cleared of the enemy but a large portion of the original hesitions north and south of it have been reclaimed. men swarmed up this onto the mole.
> This gangway was two feet wide and LUFBERY DOWNS

> and Lewis guns. No Germans succeeded in approaching the gangway, but a hard hand to hand fight took place a hard hand to hand light toos place about 2.00 yards up the mole toward the shore.
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> The Vindictive's bow was pointed toward the shore, so the bridge got the day. Light Paul Frank Reet of Mo-further.

> toward the shore, so the bridge got the full effect of enemy fire from the shore batteries. One shell exploded against man machine on the sume day the pliot house, killing nearly all its ten occupants. Another burst in the fighting top, killing a Lieutenant and eight men who were doing excellent work with two pompons and four matchines. His seven victories haps six German divisions. The in-

Big Guns Were Busy.

"The battery of 11 inch guns at the and American service now shows a total of the mole was only 300 yards of ferty during the past two months." Only a few German shells hit our hull because it was well protected by the wall of the mole, but the upper struc-ture, masts, stacks and ventilators showed above the wall and were riddied. A considerable proportion of our casuatites were caused by splinters from these upper works. "Meanwhile the Daffodil continued to

tothermere's department.

Twenty-five minutes after the Vindic-Twelve indictments were against elected Rothermere said in his letter of tive had reached the wall the first block lans and charged murder and four resignation that he was physically and ship passed in and headed for the canal, mentally disturbed because of the sec. Two others followed in leisurely fashion ond personal loss that had come to him while we kept up the fight on the mole. on the field of battle.

One of the block snips stranged outside tain nine counts each, and are directed against the five men who have been under arrest since the Coroner's inquest and seven others who have not yet been they were successfully sunk across the He is well qualified to fill the post of Minister. He is a man of great tact.

One of the block snips stranged outside tain nine counts each, and are directed against the five men who have been under arrest since the Coroner's inquest and seven others who have not yet been at the five men under arrest are and seven others who have not yet been at the five men under arrest are arrested. The men under arrest are learn-frequently was reported yearned to being the first tain nine counts each, and are directed against the five men who have been under arrest since the Coroner's inquest and seven others who have not yet been at the five men who have not yet been under arrest are and seven others who have not yet been at the five men who have been under arrest since the Coroner's inquest and seven others who have not yet been at the five men who have been under arrest are they were successfully sunk across the five men who have been under arrest and seven others who have not yet been and seven others who have not yet been under arrest are they were successfully sunk across the five men who have been under arrest are against the five men who have been under arrest are they were successfully sunk across the five men who have been under arrest and seven others who have not yet been under arrest and seven others who have not yet been under arrest are they were successfully sunk across the five men who have not yet been under arrest and seven others. One of the block ships stranded outside

have open practice of what we contem-plated doing for fear the enemy might get information of the plan. Our prep-aration, therefore, was limited to a cer-

Villers-Bretonneux Recaptured by English and Australian Troops.

600 PRISONERS TAKEN

Germans Assert They Captured 2,000 French in Fighting on Avre.

KEMMEL REPORTED LOST

Enemy Hurls 75,000 Men at Line Between Bailleul and Wytschaete.

LONDON, April 25.-After an all day struggle of the greatest intensity along the northern edge of the Lys salient the British and the French aiding them there were forced to-day to withdraw from their positions between Bailleul and Wytschacte, the latter on the northern end of Messines Ridge and the former half way between that point and Hazebrouck, the most important railway junction point in that part of France.

Fighting in this region was particularly violent in the neighborhood of Dranoutre, Kemmel and Vierstrant. An unconfirmed report received during the day stated that the Germans had won the summit of Mont Kemmel, a hill of more than 400 feet height just the whole of that section of the line Its loss would very likely entail a withdrawal from Ypres and perhaps of the whole British line in Belgium. The report is not considered probable; it is ore likely that if the Germans have captured Kemmel it was the village of that name at the foot of the hill and not the hill itself.

den, the Dutch Foreign Minister, de-clared he could not and must not con-ceal from the Chamber the fact that the The Germans are said to be using six divisions, about 75,000 men, in this front from Wytschaete to Meteren Replying to questions from members just west of Bailleul. Berlin reports the said that no ship would sail from Holland before a written guarantee had been obtained that there would be no Vuegelhoek broke down and that local further seizures of vessels. He said he assaults and raids by the Allies porthhad gathered from an interview with John W. Garrett. American Minister, west of Bethune, near Festubert (west west of Bethune, near Festubert (west of La Bassee), and on both sides of the a written assurance already had been Scarpe, near Arras, brought them no

It is asserted also that in the the attention of the bat- should constantly remain in the service." tions yesterday in this area and in the south, in the Amiens salient, the Germans took more than 2,000 prisoners,

The negotiations regarding an edenomic agreement with dermany are delayed by difficulties. I am unable to
give information at present as to the
stage of the negotiations, but they are
stage of the negotiations, but they are give information at present as to the stage of the negotiations, but they are not progressing very smoothly, principally because Holland would be unable to export much more than she is at present."

The Foreign Minister added he had a market of the former front," says Field Marshal Haig in his report to-night The village is now in British hands. The Foreign Minister added he had a written guarantee from England that The village is now in British hands, ships which had left the East Indies together with more than 600 prisoners the fettrement of Lord Fisher, Aural Jellicos, Marshal French and Gen.
William Robertson, was select upon cally built buffers of wood two feet another instance of politicians and lateur strategists overruling the judgint of trained military men.

Side the mole, approaching it on the port since March 23, or might leave in the captured by tien Haig's troops.

The Associated Frence correspondent with the British army in France says that not only has Villers-Bretonneux the sailing of ships to the United States been cleared of the enemy, but a large

> happy town.
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> In the north, he adds, Mont Kemmel has been attacked desperately by a great force of distinct troops especially "The men who went up included 300 marines and 150 storming seamen from the Vindictive and fifty or so from the Daffodit. They carried hand grenades and Lewis gurs. No Germans and Lewis gurs. No Germans with the Commans and Lewis gurs. No Germans with the Commans and Lewis gurs. No Germans are the commans and Lewis gurs. No Germans are the comman and Lewis gurs. No Germans are the commandation of the com this sector and including such elevations as Wytschaete, Kemmel, Scherpenberg, Mont Rouge, Vidatgue and Mont Des-

hemmel trest Reached.

German machines. His seven victories haps six German divisions. The in-in the air have been scored within the fantry employed were largely picked past six weeks.

The semi-official count of victories the 117th Division and the 11th Bava-won by American aviators in the French rians, with Jaegers in reserve. The brunt of the assault came against the French who were defending Kemmel, which was the enemys goal. At 2 o'clock PRAGER LYNCHING gas shells, and for more than an hour Twelve Civilians and Four bearing missiles. Between 3 and 4

o'clock the German hillmen rushed forward and attacked the positions protect-ing Kemmel Hill. At the same time they began pushing further to the south n order to furnish a protecting flank or the main operation. Hard fighting developed immediately The Germans pushed on up the slepes, and it is reported that at one time some of the detachments even made their was noon it was announced that it was still

in possession of the Allies

a member of the mob that hung Prager; terday in which the French, who hold Wesley Beaver. Richard Dukes, Jr., this sector held their own, the battle terday in which the French, who hold continued all through the night. The Four policemen are indicted, charged French lost Hangard, recaptured it, then with falling to disperse the mob and call lost it again. They are still holding the tain amount of intensive training at on citizens for assistance and failing to ground immediately around it, but the for assistance and rating to come when Prager was being Germans have possession of the village, sefore the hanging.